

CITY OF RAPID CITY
TRAVEL REQUEST

LF083105-18

Person requesting travel Jerry Cole Department Parks & Recreation

I hereby request permission to travel for the following purpose: (Give specific nature of business and interest of the City to justify cost involved.)

2005 South Dakota parks and Recreation Assoc. State Conference

List all other City employees, if any, making the trip for the same purpose: _____

Doug Lowe, Kristy Allgier, Brad Keizer, Craig Nichols, Lon Van Deusen, Duncan Olney

Place of meeting or destination: Pierre, South Dakota

Date of meeting October 3-5, 2005

Date trip to begin October 3, 2005 Date trip will end October 5, 2005

Method of transportation requested city vehicle

Estimated transportation cost \$ 156.00

Meals 217.00

Lodging _____ days 996.84

Other costs - description registration fees 660.00

Total estimated cost of trip \$ 2,029.84

Signed _____ Date 8/5/05 _____ Date _____
(person requesting travel) (Department Head)

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$500, per employee, this section must be signed.

In accordance with the provisions of Rapid City ordinances and travel regulations, consent is hereby given for travel as requested in the foregoing application. Maximum cost of trip authorized is \$ _____

Approved. _____ Date _____
Mayor

When the cost of the trip will exceed \$1,500, per employee, Council approval is required.

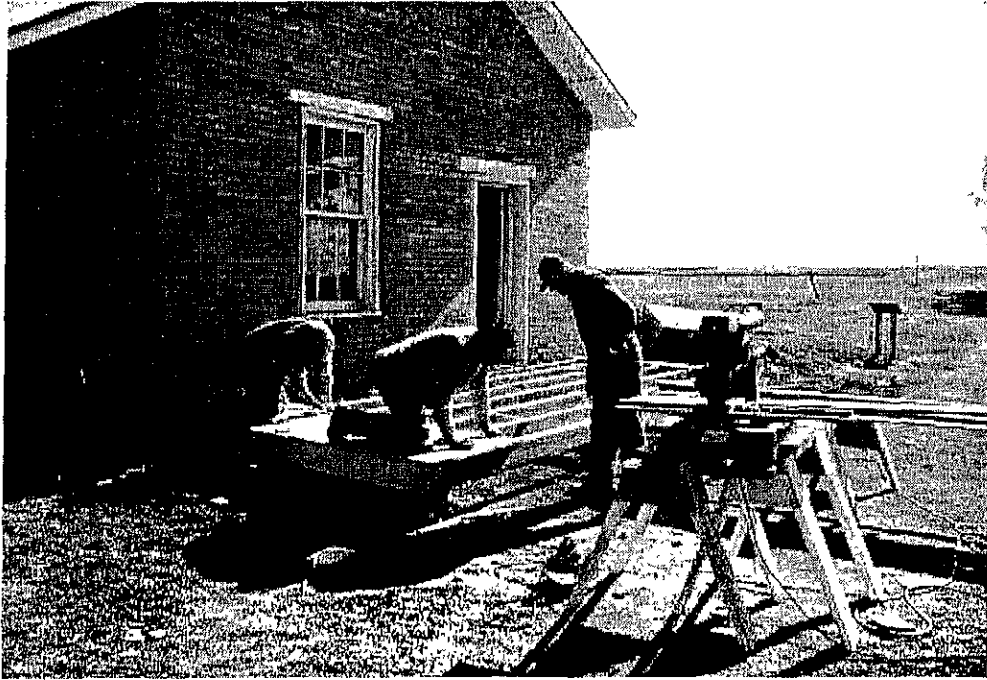
Approved by Common Council on _____ (Date)

White copy - Mayor

Yellow copy - Finance

Gold copy - Department copy

SOUTH DAKOTA
PARKS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION



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October 3-5, 2005

RAMKOTA HOTEL

PIERRE, SD

920 WEST SIOUX AVE. PIERRE, SD 57501

(605) 224-6877 PHONE

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2005 South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association State Conference

Monday, October 3, 2005

- 11:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. Executive Board Meeting *Mathews Training Center, Foss Building*
1:00 p.m.— 5:30 p.m. Golf/Disc Golf/Bike/Boating Activities around the Pierre Area
Golf Sponsored by Dakota Fence
- 2:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. Local Park Tours (Farm Island, Oahe Downstream, Griffin Park, Lily Park, Steamboat Park)
or
Tours of Area Pools/YMCA/Softball Complex/Expo Center/Discovery Center .2 CEU
- 4:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. Registration and Exhibitors Set Up - *Ramkota Lobby*
- 4:30 p.m.— 6:00 p.m. Registration in Ramkota Lobby
- 6:00 p.m.— 6:10 p.m. Welcome – Pierre Mayor Dennis Eisnach
- 6:10 p.m.— 7:10 p.m. General Session at Ramkota Speaker: Darrel Draper "George Drouillard of the Lewis
and Clark Expedition" .1 CEU *Room B/C*
- 7:10 p.m. Picnic Outside Ramkota - Equipment Demos
Picnic at Ramkota (indoors if cold/wet) Rooms B/C
- 8:15 p.m. Free Pontoon Rides on Lake LaFramboise
- 9:00 p.m. Social

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

- 6:30 a.m.— 7:00 a.m. Cast Off Your Calories Walk Linda Ahrendt *Front Lobby Entrance*
- 7:00 a.m.— 8:00 a.m. Health Assessment Blood Pressure Checks, Dept. of Health - *Lobby Area*
- 7:30 a.m.— 8:00 a.m. Rolls and Coffee
- 8:00 a.m. Announcements *Amphitheater II*
- 8:05 a.m.— 9:05 a.m. General Session: Leisure and Happiness: Critical to Quality of Life
Speaker: Julie Lengfelder .1 CEU *Amphitheater II*
- 9:15 a.m.— 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Sessions .1 CEU
Track 1 Park Design and Construction Material to Minimize Vandalism
Bill Meyers *Amphitheater II*
Track 2 Avalanche of Adventure Jeff Pagels, *Room D*
Track 3 Men of the Expedition Darrel Draper, *Room E*
- 10:15 a.m.— 11:00 a.m. Break Visit Exhibitors/Health Assessment Blood Pressure Checks *Lobby Area*
- 11:00 – 12:00 Concurrent Sessions .1 CEU
Track 1 Alternative Energies and Clean Fuels, Steve Wegman *Amphitheater II*
Track 2 Marketing Techniques to Get More Involvement
Billie Jo Waara *Room D*
Track 3 Be Your Own Life Coach: Professional Energy Management
Julie Lengfelder *Room E*
- 11:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. Cemetery Branch Meeting *Room F*
- 12:00 p.m.— 1:30 p.m. Exhibitor Luncheon *Rooms B&C*
-Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

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2005 South Dakota Parks and Recreation Association State Conference

- 1:30 p.m.— 3:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions .15 CEU**
- Track 1 The Importance of Open Space to the Quality of Life
Paul Beckwith, Al Nedved, Eirik Heikes, and Larry Weires Room D
- Track 2 Mother Nature Does Not Have to Comply with ADA
Jeff Pagels Room E
- Track 3 2010 Initiative **Billie Jo Waara** Room F
- Track 4 Updates on Cemetery Issues **Kathi Mueller, Dept. of Health** Room G
- 3:00 p.m. Break – Visit Exhibitors
- 3:30 p.m.— 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors Tear Down Booths
- 3:30 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions .15 CEU**
- Track 1 Turf Management of Non-Irrigated Land **Leo Schleicher** Room D
- Track 2 Healthy SD, **Linda Ahrendt & Larissa Skjonsberg** Room E
- Track 3 Accessibility from Users' Perspectives
Panel Facilitated by the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities Room F
- 5:30 p.m. Activities Meeting Room B&C
- 6:00 p.m. Social Rooms B&C
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet Rooms B&C
- 8:00 p.m. Entertainment by the Rooster Rost West River Sheep Rancher
- 8:45 p.m. Mabe's Dog Band

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

- 6:30 a. m.— 7:00 a.m. Cast Off Your Calories Walk **Linda Ahrendt** Lobby Entrance
- 7:15 a.m.— 8:00 a.m. Rolls and coffee Lobby Area
- 8:00 a.m.— 9:30 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions .15 CEU**
- Track 1 Gadget Session **Pat Thompson** Room D
- Track 2 Creating Entrepreneurs in Recreation **Jerry W. Cole** Room E
- Track 3 Update on Risk Management Issues **Dennis Rounds, Craig Ambach and Ryan Collins** Room F
- Track 4 Cemetery Branch Tours Room G
- 9:30 a.m.— 10:00 a.m. Break Lobby Area
- 10:00 a.m.— 11:30 a.m. General Session .15 CEU
Protecting and Promoting Our Resources **John Cooper** Amphitheater II

TOTAL Conference CEUs = 1.2

Conference Closes — Have a Safe Trip Home!

South Dakota State Park Division Meeting

- 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. Lunch for State Park Division Rooms B&C
- 1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m. State Park Division Meeting Rooms D&E or Amphitheater II

SDPRA Conference Speakers/Presenters

Larissa Skjonsberg

Larissa Skjonsberg works for the South Dakota Department of Health as the Cardiovascular Health Coordinator. She coordinates prevention programs related to nutrition and physical activity in a variety of programs including Healthy SD. Larissa has promoted healthy lifestyles through worksite and rural health care facilities throughout South Dakota with resources such as "Strides to a Healthier Worksite" and "Cardiovascular Health Toolkits." Prior to coming to work in the Department of Health, Larissa worked in the Department of Tourism.

Paul Beckwith

Paul Beckwith is a Senior Park Planner for the Division of South Dakota State Parks. He received a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Design from SDSU in 1989. While attending SDSU he worked at various positions with landscape contractors and nurseries. Over the 16 years since then he has worked with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks designing and planning park facilities across the state.

Larry Weires

Larry Weires has been the Park Development Specialist with the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department for the past 29 years. He graduated from SDSU in 1971 with a degree in Park Management. He spent 4 1/2 years working for the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks before moving to Sioux Falls. His background is in park planning and construction.

Jerry Cole

Jerry W. Cole is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Rapid City. He graduated from Chadron State College in 1979 with a degree in Recreation. In the past 25 years Jerry has been involved in creating three new parks and recreation departments from the ground up. He has been a board member and is past president of the Commercial Recreation and Tourism section for NRPA. He has written and received over \$400,000,000 in grants and sponsorships for trails, parks and special events and has planned and developed special events, parks and recreation facilities in five states.

John Cooper

John Cooper has been the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks since 1995. Prior to his current position in state government, John served 22 years with the Law Enforcement Division of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

In addition to his professional career, John served as Field Editor for *Dakota Outdoors* magazine for 14 years where he wrote a monthly conservation/outdoors column. He has also had articles published in *Sports Afield*, *In-Fisherman*, *Western Outdoor News*, and *Bassmaster* magazines.

John is a recipient of the 1992 South Dakota Wildlife Federation Conservationist of the Year Award, the 1982 South Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Wildlife Professional of the Year Award, the 1995 Guy Bradley Law Enforcement Professional Award, and the 1998 U.S. Forest Service Chiefs Award for Conservation Leadership. He enjoys fishing, camping, hunting waterfowl, and taking his grandsons out on hikes.

Eirik Asa Heikes

Eirik Heikes is an award winning landscape architect registered in the state of South Dakota. He ties many regional styles and techniques together in designing the outdoor space using diverse knowledge from several regions of the United States. Eirik draws on his background in resource management and classical and contemporary design. He is a native of Vermillion, attended high school in Stanley County and received a degree in Horticulture and a minor in Landscape Design from Montana State University in 1995. Eirik is also the President of the Great Plains Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities

The panel will be facilitated by staff from the South Dakota Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities— Shelly Pfaff and Colette Wagoner. Shelly and Colette have over 35 years of combined experience in serving people with disabilities, having first worked in the public sector and now working in the private sector. The panel participants will be from around the state and they will be individuals with various types of disabilities who are outdoor enthusiasts and participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities both locally and statewide.

Kathi Mueller

Kathi Mueller graduated with a Masters degree in Public and Human Service Administration from Moorhead State University. Kathi began working with the Department of Health in 1995, and became the youngest State Registrar in the nation in 1997. Since becoming the State Registrar, Kathi has worked to reengineer the vital records system through the development of the Electronic Vital Records and Screening System. This system recently won the Davies Award for Public Health Informatics.

Steve Wegman

Mr. Wegman has been involved with alternative energy for the State of South Dakota since 1978. Mr. Wegman has designed and built projects like Science on the Move Trailers, Department of Health BT trailer, a level 3 mobile laboratory. Steve was the lead person on photovoltaic conversion project for SD Department of Transportation. He holds the State Fair Track Record on Electric Motorcycle, 1999.

2005 SDPRA Conference Speakers/Presenters

Darrel Draper

Darrel Draper is a fifth generation Nebraskan, retired Navy officer and University of Nebraska at Omaha graduate who uses his talents as a storyteller/actor to educate and entertain. He is considered an expert on the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition and has retraced thousands of miles of their trail by canoe and on foot.

Julie Lengfelder

Julie Lengfelder, Ph.D. is an associate professor and graduate coordinator of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. Her main research interests are the restorative and energizing effects of play and leisure, the role of positive psychology, the realization of happiness and energy management in healthy lifestyle planning.

Bill Meyers

Bill Meyers graduated from Black Hills State College with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology. He is certified as a Building Plans Examiner by the International Code Council. Bill started his career in state government in 1983-1988 with the State Engineers office and is currently working with the Department of Game Fish and Parks in the Engineering section. His current job duties include overseeing the design, construction and maintenance of buildings owned by Game, Fish and Parks.

Jeff Pagels

Jeff Pagels has spent his entire professional career working to improve park and recreation opportunities at the federal, state and most importantly the local level. He retired in June of 2004 after more than 30 years as a local government outreach team leader in the DNR's Northeast Region of Wisconsin. He worked on almost 200 active grants each year ranging from playground projects to harbors of refuge for recreational boaters.

Billie Jo Waara

Billie Jo Waara is currently the Director of the South Dakota Office of Tourism. She manages a budget of \$8 million and a staff of 14. Waara directs advertising and promotional efforts. Waara most recently served as a Marketing Manager for Wells Fargo in Sioux Falls. Other work experience includes serving as Minnehaha County Treasurer and as the Public Affairs and Research Manager for the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. She earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Government from Augustana and her master's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Dakota.

Leo Schleicher

Dr. Schleicher teaches undergraduate courses in landscape maintenance, turf management, and advanced turfgrass science at SDSU. He anticipates adding golf course design and management. He is an associate editor for the Journal of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, past-president of Gamma Sigma Delta at SDSU and current chair of the NCR-192 Regional Turf Grass Group.

Linda Ahrendt

Linda Ahrendt works for the South Dakota Department of Health as the program coordinator for Nutrition and Physical Activity. She coordinates activities related to the Healthy South Dakota Initiative across the state including communities, schools and worksites. Linda has collaborated to promote physical activity statewide through resources such as "Strides to a Healthier Community," a technical assistance guide for communities to address policy and environment barriers to healthy lifestyle choices. Prior to coming to work in the Department of Health, Linda taught in the Sioux Falls School District for 18 years. She has a Masters degree in Administration from SDSU.

Craig Ambach

Craig N. Ambach, Risk Management Analyst, has been employed with the State Office of Risk Management since April 1999. Craig's primary function is to assist the State Risk Manager to effectively and efficiently protect the assets of the State of South Dakota and ensure public safety in the conduct of governmental business. This is accomplished through the prudent use of risk management and insurance programs, safety and loss control techniques.

Dennis Rounds

Dennis Rounds is the Executive Director of the South Dakota Public Entity Pool for Liability and Director for the office of Risk Management. He was appointed to this position in April 2005. He also serves as Director of the Petroleum Release Compensation Fund. He holds a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Dennis Rounds has 25 years of experience as a financial assurance fund administration and as an environmental engineer, including work in private consulting and with the state and federal agencies. He has spoken on environmental risk at numerous national and international conferences.

Ryan Collins

Ryan Collins is a new addition to the Office of Risk Management as of May 2005, after working nearly four years as a project manager for the South Dakota Petroleum Release Compensation Fund. Ryan is a 1999 graduate of South Dakota State University with a bachelor's degree in business. Ryan is also a current member of the Pierre Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Al Nedved

Al Nedved is originally from Wagner, South Dakota. He graduated from SDSU in 1993 with a degree in Landscape Design and Environmental Management. He has been working for the Division of South Dakota State Parks for 10 years. During the past four years he has been in the Planning and Development section.